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By Herbert Docena



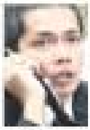
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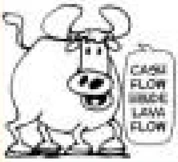
By Christian V. Esguerra



PULIDO



Deadly volcanos as tourist attractions



2 more governors bare 'gifts' from Palace

AND NOW THERE ARE three.

Two more governors—both from southern Luzon—yesterday owned up to receiving P500,000 each from Malacañang last week at the height of a controversy over moves to impeach President Macapagal-Arroyo.

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NSA: Reds must agree to ceasefire first

COMMUNIST REBELS must agree to a ceasefire if they want to resume negotiations with the government, the country's national security chief said Sunday.

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By Gil Cabacungan

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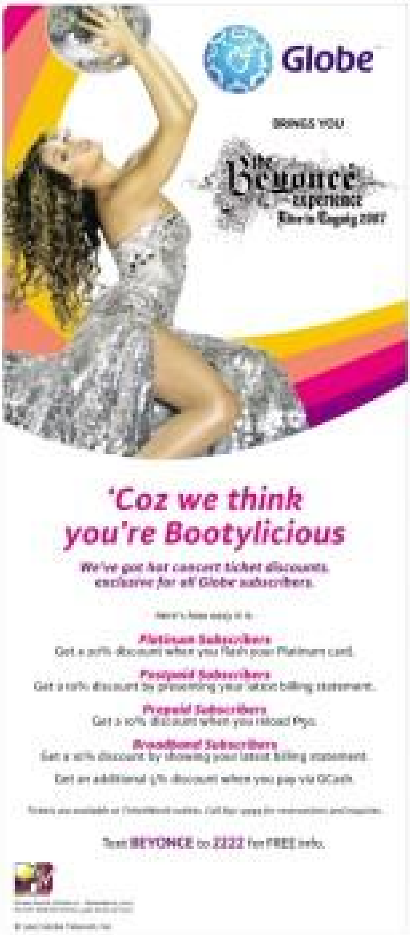

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Joint RP-US military exercise

Marcos crony loses PNCC case

By Leila B. Salaverria

THE SUPREME Court has dismissed the claim of Marcos crony Rodolfo Cuenca that the issuance of shares in the Philippine National Construction Corp. to government-owned financial institutions (GFIs) in case of PNCC's debts was questionable.

The high tribunal ruled that the majority shares in PNCC had been correctly transferred to the GFIs as payment for the debts of the construction firm.

According to the tribunal, the findings of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upheld by the Court of Appeals that the GFIs had owned the shares, should not be disturbed since these were considered final and were backed by substantial evidence.

Equity

Former President Ferdinand Marcos in 1983 directed the GFIs, through Letter of Instruction 1295, to convert the loans of PNCC's predecessor, the Construction Development Corp. of the Philippines (CDCP), into equity in PNCC after it failed to pay its obligations to the GFIs.

The GFIs were the Philippine National Bank, the Development Bank of the Philippines, the National Development Company (NDC), the Government Service Insurance System, the Land Bank of the Philippines and the Philippine Export and Foreign Loan Guarantee Corp.

Cuenca was the top head of the CDCP.

Mining company suspended

By TJ Burgonio

ENVIRONMENT Secretary Lito Atienza yesterday warned small mining companies that he would stop their operations if they were found to be engaged in big mining operations.

Atienza issued the warning after he suspended the operations of BH Metals Inc. (BH-MI), a small-scale nickel mine in Dahop, Agusan del Norte, for reportedly exceeding the annual extraction limit of 50,000 metric tons.

Atienza said they are also looking into reports that some of these small-scale firms also pool their extractions and then these were sold to a large-scale mining firm.

Under the law, small-scale operators are allowed to mine a maximum of 20 hectares per permit, and extract up to 50,000 dry metric tons of metallic and nonmetallic minerals every year.

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Deadly volcanos as tourist attractions

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Appeal of eruptions

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Interactive attractions

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Biological diversity

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GMA calls for reforms in Burma

PRESIDENT MACApagal-Arroyo has urged Burma's (Myanmar's) ruling generals to carry out democratic reforms, as she expressed sadness over the death of Burma's Prime Minister Soe Win.

"The Philippines is saddened to learn of the death of Gen. Soe Win," the President said in a statement released late Sunday.

"Prime Minister Soe Win's death comes during a most challenging time when Myanmar has to remain committed to the [illegible] implementation of its roadmap to democracy," she [illegible] forward.

Mrs Arroyo said she hoped the junta "takes this opportunity to pursue its goals of national reconciliation and democratization."

Soe Win, a hardliner, died at age 59, Burmese state media said Friday. *AFP*





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A bribe by any other name is still a bribe

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Fireworks, band greet ...



DEVOTEES take part in the La Naval de Manila procession along Quezon Avenue in Quezon City.

The reason is Mary

Stupid issues

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Intense heat

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Categories of US overseas military structures

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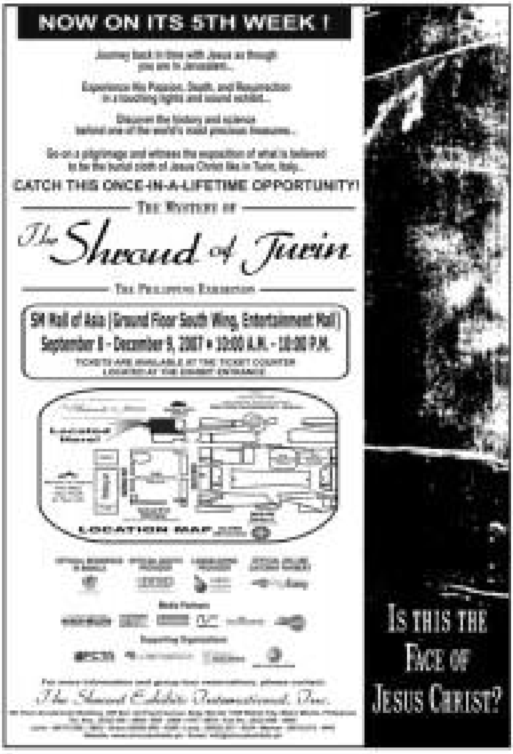
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PhilHealth probes cataract claims

Feud over SCTEx interchanges in Pampanga towns worsens

NPA raids another Globe cell site in Camarines Sur







Crackdown fails to drive out Vizcaya small miners

Demanding payment





RP celebrates World Food Day & World Rural Women's Day

MESSAGES









World Food Day '07 presents the RIGHT TO FOOD.

On the Spot Poster Making Contest and other activities.

Poster Making Contest National Winners

PROGRAMME

World Rural Women's Day

Programang Gulayan Para sa Masa



Bukidnon farmers start 60-day march to Manila to regain land

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—[illegible]

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SUMILAO farmers log their first 100 kilometers in Cagayan de Oro City for the 1,500-km walk to Metro Manila.

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'Character city' advocates enforce plan to stop violence



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Leviste asks CA to reconsider ruling

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FORMER BATANGAS GOV. JOSE Antonio Leviste has contested the Court of Appeals decision affirming the murder charge filed against him for the shooting of his longtime aide, Rafael de las Alas, last January.



WORK IT, LADIES

Landfill dispute not over money, says MMDA

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Makati to adopt 4 members of RP Everest Team



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Street kids at risk

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Tullahan Bridge open only to cars, jeeps

Cops to brief media on crime scene 'protocol'

Infrastructure for Rural Productivity Enhancement Sector (InfRES) Project InfRES PROJECT OFFICE

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

METRO BRIEFS

Man killed after wedding



Under-fire Australia PM Howard calls election




HOWARD AFP

SYDNEY—AUSTRALIAN PRIME Minister John Howard on Sunday called a general election for Nov. 24 in which the staunch US ally in Iraq faces the fight of his life as polls show him headed for a landslide defeat.

Pleading with voters for support whether they "love me or loathe me" after 11 years in office, Howard insisted his experience set him ahead of opposition leader Kevin Rudd.

At a press conference which ended weeks of frenzied media speculation and nearly a year of bitter but unofficial campaigning, Howard made a humble but determined bid for a fifth term in office.

But even after waiting until the last minute to call the poll, and giving himself a full six week campaign time, he is facing what is expected to be the country's most bruising election clash in a decade.

The conservative 68-year-old leader of the Liberal Party is trailing badly in opinion polls in a battle against the youngest opponent to emerge since he won power, Labor Party leader and former diplomat Rudd.

Rudd has pledged to pull Australian troops out of Iraq, but it is domestic issues such as the booming economy and the government's radical industrial relations reforms that are expected to be key election battlegrounds.

Howard, who is fighting a rising tide of voter sentiment that his government has been in power too long, argued that Australia's best years could lie ahead with him at the helm.

"In order for that to happen, this country does not need new leadership, it does not need old leadership, it needs the right leadership," he said.

Howard said the choice for Australians was whether to choose a party with a proven track record, or "an inexperienced group of men and women, 70 percent of whom are former trade union officials."

With voters above all concerned over house prices and rising interest rates putting pressure on mortgages, Howard stressed his ability to manage the current economic boom and said he believed record unemployment could go even lower.

"The right leadership is the leadership that tells the Australian people where it stands on issues and what it believes in," he said. AFP

WorldBriefs

9 killed in Afghan suicide attack

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan—A suicide bomber on a motorbike detonated explosives in a crowded marketplace near Afghan police, killing nine people and wounding at least 28, officials said. The blast Saturday killed two police officers and seven civilians in the city of Spin Boldak in the southern province of Kandahar near the border with Pakistan, a statement from Nato's International Security Assistance Force said. Violence has killed more than 5,200 people this year, according to an Associated Press count based on official figures, the deadliest year since the fall of the Taliban in 2001. AP

British PM Brown suffers poll plunge

LONDON—British Prime Minister Gordon Brown suffered further blows Sunday as a new poll put the opposition seven points ahead as disgruntled ex-ministers reportedly prepared to attack. The poll in The Sunday Telegraph newspaper marked an astonishing turnaround as Brown's governing Labour Party was 11 percentage points clear of the Conservatives in one poll just weeks ago. But it now seems his honeymoon period after taking over from Tony Blair in June is well and truly over. The Conservatives, led by David Cameron, were on 40 percent—a 19-year high—Labour on 33 percent and the Liberal Democrats on 16 percent in the survey by pollsters ICM. AFP

Castro, Chavez meet for 4 hours

HAVANA—Cuban leader Fidel Castro and Venezuelan counterpart Hugo Chavez met for four hours Saturday to discuss Latin America, world problems and bilateral relations, Cuban state television reported. AFP



Clinton has 21-pt lead over Obama

WASHINGTON—Hillary Clinton has a 21-point lead over fellow Democrat Barack Obama in New Hampshire, one of the first states to vote in the nominating process for the 2008 US presidential election, a poll showed on Sunday.

In a poll by Marist College Institute for Public Opinion, 41 percent of likely Democratic voters support Clinton followed by 20 percent for Obama, a first-term senator from Illinois.

Former Sen. John Edwards was third with 13 percent.

Among likely Republican voters, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney had a slight lead with 24 percent support, followed by 20 percent for former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani and 17 percent for Arizona Sen. John McCain. Reuters

The WORLD

Burma restores Internet, but continues arrest of foes

RANGOON—THE RULING GENERALS OF BURMA (Myanmar) have restored public Internet access, more than two weeks after cutting Web connections to stem the flow of images of mass protests and a ruthless crackdown that outraged the world.





Atheism apostle speaks his mind

By Peter Graff

SPORTS

Editor: Teddyvic S. Melendres Assistant Editor: Francis T.J. Ochoa



MAGNOLIA'S [illegible] PBA opener.

Magnolia in sizzling start, scuttles Air21

LOADED WITH TALENT ON PAPER, MAG- [illegible]

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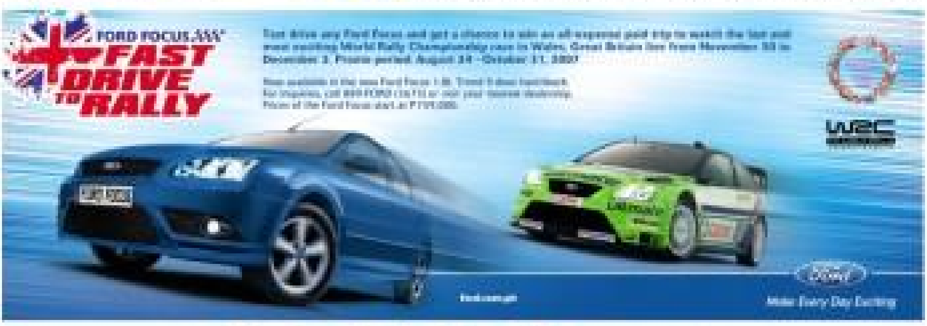
PBA opening notes

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Without treatment this man will likely be totally bald in just 2-3 years.





So nails GM norm despite loss

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Pacquiao knows the real Roach?

Bare Eye

Recah Trinidad



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SJC Cockers derby kicks off

Makati, Cebu batters score



By Marc Anthony Reyes

Harbour-RP quintet overpowers US Army

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PACQUIAO TO DIAZ

'If the price is right'

Lightweight king wants Filipino ring icon next



JUAN Diaz shows off the three reasons—apart from money—why Manny Pacquiao should face him: The WBA, WBO and IBF lightweight belts.

Els battles Cabrera in match play final

Pettersen ties Ochoa for Samsung lead

Nixon lifts Indians past old squad

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Editor Raul J. Manalo • Assistant Editor Corrie S. Moreno

Gov't moves to save coconut industry

CURRENCIES



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STOCK MARKET



Profit-taking seen

SHARE PRICES MAY SURRENDER SOME gains this week as it goes into correction mode, analysts said.

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PROFIT-TAKING/B4

Invasive pest threatens to wipe out P40-B sector

THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE HAS launched a comprehensive four-point program to eradicate an invasive pest threatening to wipe out the P40-billion coconut industry.

According to the DA, the coconut leaf beetle (Brontispa longissima) has so far infected more than 171,000 coconut trees in 23 provinces across the country.

Agriculture Undersecretary [illegible] said the program against the beetle consists of:

• mapping coconut-producing areas to determine the real extent of the Brontispa infestation;

• rolling out inoculation procedures to address problems in infected areas, as well as to isolate uninfected areas from the pest;

• an information and education campaign to educate coconut growers on how to con-

GOV'T MOVES/B4

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THE BPO SECTOR is challenging OFW remittances as a profitable and competitive contributor to the country's economy.

BPO sector seen to rival OFW remittances by 2010

DESPITE ALL THAT HAS BEEN SAID AND written about the looming "plateau" in the call center boom, the prospects of the country's business process outsourcing (BPO) remains red hot.

According to the industry's umbrella organization, the BPO sector has the potential to rake in as much as $13 billion in revenues annually by 2010.

"That's almost equal to what our overseas Filipino workers send home every

BPO SECTOR/B2

Profit-taking seen

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said in a weekly report that investors would also closely track third-quarter corporate earnings that will start to trickle in this week.

"Companies with better than expected results can expect a boost while companies that fall short may experience selling. Volume was down toward the end of the week but is expected to increase when trading resumes after the three-day weekend," he said.

The stock market was closed for trading last Friday due to a national public holiday.

AB Capital Securities also said the stock market index might still succumb to profit-taking this week especially due to a lack of fresh leads, and instead take its cue from trends in the US market.

"Good news from abroad may affect the market positively. The strong economic conditions of the Philippines will make the market susceptible to upward rallies made by the bears," Yeung said.

Last week, the stock index closely mirrored Wall Street's advance after the latest employment report showed 110,000 additional jobs in the United States in September.

Elizabeth Sanchez-Lazaro



SMC finalizes $1.2-B loan



Wanted: Filipino investments

No Free Lunch



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Trust assets held by investment houses, banks up 23% to ₱1T

More people shifting to alternative investment instruments



Full audit of Philcomsat firms sought

APC Mining in talks with 3 prospective foreign investors

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Gov't moves to save ...

Cost of siphoning off excess money surged in Q2

More investments placed in Bangko Sentral's SDAs

By Doris C. Dumlao

Pateco taps Middle East market

By Ronnel W. Domingo

Tetangco among top 7 central bank chiefs



TETANGCO

No free lunch

OFWs now more investment savvy

Remitters said to consider trade, property more than family obligations

NCC dismisses int'l report on worsening RP business clime

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Make way for money-making catfish

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Speakers that get you closer to a 5.1 experience

By Charles E. Buban



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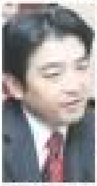
Smaller package

Playing online games sans PC connection

By Raquel P. Gomez



THE BUFFALO Wi-Fi Gamers device.



First Gen hits gov't tax on natural gas

Galoc profit to fund future exploration

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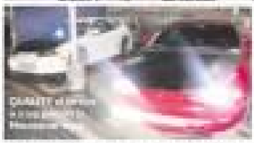


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Auto shop by day, resto-bar by night

Car lover earns double profits doing things a la 'Transformers'







Two paths to anomalous government procurement

MAPping the Future

By Manuel A. Alcuaz, Jr.





GOINGS-ON

Robinsons Appliances opens flagship store



ROBINSONS Appliances store

Bear Brand milk education campaign



UP prof promotes 'harmless agriculture'

By Mila Catherine Calleja
Bay, Laguna

AN AGRICULTURE professor at the University of the Philippines at Los Baños (UPLB) tends a 1,500-square-meter farm in Bay town, Laguna, [illegible]

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Practical farm

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'Weed farming'

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Environment-friendly

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DR. TED Mendoza in his farm, which he calls "green forest."





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There's money in hybrid rice farming

By Amy R. Remo

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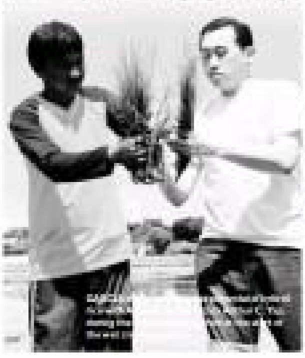
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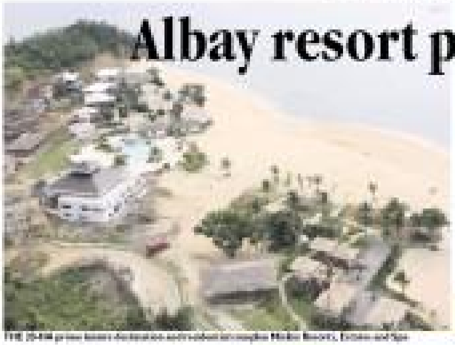
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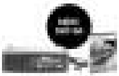
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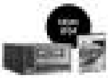
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Commercial, IT hub to rise in Legazpi port area

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Commercial, IT hub to rise in Legazpi port area





Jump-off point

Hazard-resistant



NATUROPATH Fonda Bacon with Paris Bengco flaring about Palawan's Philippine resort and Readers' Choice of The Farm at San Benito as Best Spa of the Philippines and Best Spa Cuisine menu.



IAN BREWIS of Shangri-La Hotels and Resorts investing in the Filipino working force through the Spa Academy in Edsa Shangri-La and their third Chi Resort and Spa in Boracay.



PHILIPPINE Convention and Visitors Corp.'s Susan del Mundo: Happy to receive 200 delegates from 23 countries for the summit.



SAMANTHA FOSTER, director of International Projects for Chiva-Som wellness resort in Thailand, presides over a side meeting of the Asia Spa and Wellness Council with representatives from the Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, the Middle East and the Indian Ocean area.



MIKE TURVILL of Spa Essentials and partner Cathy Feliciano-Turvill of Spa Professionals International Development Center.

Hitching on...

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delegates of South Africa, the United States and Europe.

Cathy Feliciano-Turvill, Philippine representative to the Asia Pacific Spa and Wellness Council, viewed the summit as a valuable forum for networking and a reality check for the spa and wellness industry. For it to move forward, it must raise the bar of excellence, be more business oriented and address specific issues such as the Green issue to make the industry sustainable.

At present, the Philippines has only two internationally accredited spa schools which are both nominees for the Crystal awards: Feliciano-Turvill's Spa Professional International Development Center and Shangri-La Hotel's Spa Academy. And it is not enough. Quality education is an area where the assistance of the government is needed.

Feliciano-Turvill says, "Some local spas are still unwilling to invest time and money in 2-3 months of proper training. We need to follow international standards of training, including the study of the sciences and validated techniques. The local industry cannot rely on anecdotal and unstructured home-grown treatment methods, if we are to compete on an international level."

Richard Bengco, founder of The Farm at San Benito, maintains that the wellness entrepreneurial vision is more than just a profit making venture, admitting as much that the highly acclaimed wellness resort with 8 Asia Crystal and Haldane awards to its credit, is high on heart but not on the future. It steadfastly pursues its vision of raising natural wellness awareness among the populace—not excluding government decision-makers. The entrepreneur said he went ahead against all odds to build a premier health facility knowing that he could not create a city—and an opportunity for making a significant change in the lives of people—by putting up just a mom-and-pop spa operation.

During the Spaasia Crystal Awards held on the second day, The Farm at San Benito won the SpaAsia magazine readers' choice for Best Spa of the Philippines and Best Spa Cuisine menu in the only award for the country, in an event dominated by the big hotel chains.

Wellness facility owners can only remain hopeful that the convergence of minds from different sectors will lead to providing an enabling environment for public-private partnership.

Towards the end of the summit, Tourism Assistant Secretary for Wellness and Sports Cynthia Carrion exuded optimism about the country's prospects, promising government incentives to make "Paradise Philippines a haven of caring people." Considering that the fledgling Philippine tourism numbers two to three million annual visitors to Thailand's 15 million, it fared well in projecting the Philippines as a viable wellness destination which the Department of Tourism hope would translate into concrete figures in the years to come.

Ian Brewis, senior director for Spas & Health Clubs for Shangri-La Hotels and Resorts worldwide, is indeed upbeat about the Philippine spa industry. Shangri-La is currently building its third spa under the 'Chi' brand in the country. Due to open in 2008, the Chi Spa at Shangri-La Boracay Resort will consist of 11 treatment rooms set in a spa village. This follows the company's investment in the same spa brand in the Shangri-La hotels in Mactan and Manila.

Brewis also acknowledged the excellent skills of Filipino spa therapists and established the Shangri-La Spa Academy in Manila to meet the requirements for therapists in the hotel's spa and health clubs worldwide.



UPBEAT ABOUT PHILIPPINE WELLNESS TOURISM

Hitching on to the wellness revolution



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FIESTA! 2007

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THE INSTITUTO CERVANTES de Manila will launch a unique literacy-literary campaign that will not only deepen the love of reading among passengers of Metro Manila's light railway system, but also foster the enjoyment and appreciation of the best of Spanish poetry and culture.

José R. Rodríguez, director of Instituto Cervantes, will inaugurate "Verso en Metro" on Oct. 16, 11:00 a.m., at the Araneta-Cubao Station, Line 2, Aurora Blvd., LRT Authority, QC.

The promotional reading campaign is among the highlights of this year's Fiesta, the Spanish cultural festival organized by Instituto Cervantes.

PRIDE OF PLACE
Augusto Villalón

Manila's Army and Navy Club to be restored

> Manila Mayor Lim has established the Manila Historical and Heritage Commission to study the restoration of the Army and Navy Club and the Metropolitan Theater



THE PRESENT interior of the Army and Navy Club retains most of the original architecture.

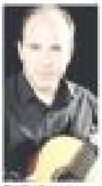


ARMY and Navy Club hallway during better times.



FALLING on hard times, the Army and Navy Club went through a period of being the dumping ground for Manila's used Christmas ornaments.

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Música y danza en la Corte Real

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Homenaje a Andrés Segovia

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Launch party of Café de las Letras

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The 'Crux' of the matter

Painter Emmanuel Garibay and poet Angelo Suarez collaborate in a stimulating exhibit



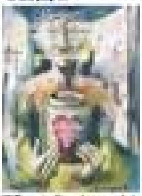


"I AM a seeker for truth and beauty"; (left) "Let your country be free by the crucifixion of traitors ..."

By Lito B. Zulueta



"BACK TO BACK is in a way of a pop ..."



Instituto Cervantes de Manila marks 15th year



JOSE "Pepe" Rodriguez, Instituto Cervantes de Manila director

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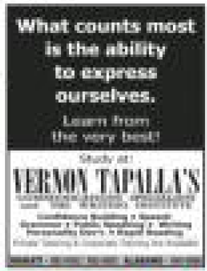


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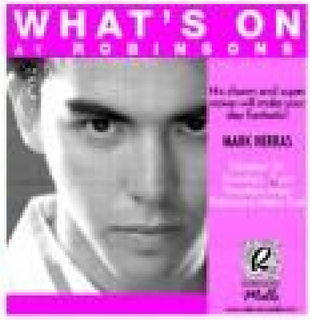
Patrick Süskind's best-selling novel has been brought to the big screen in all its seductive splendor

'Perfume' leaps from page to big screen









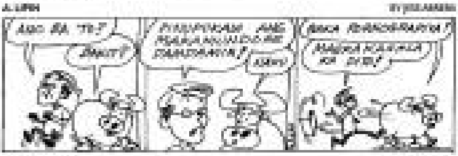


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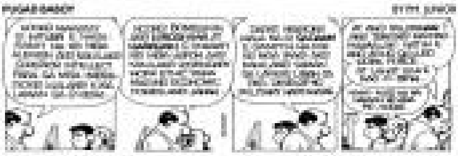
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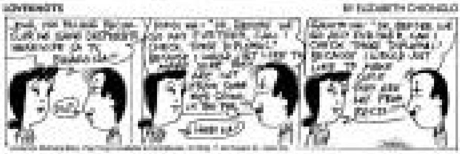
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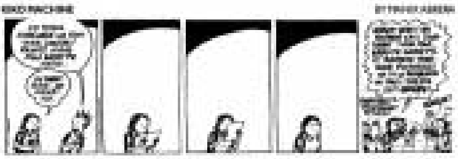
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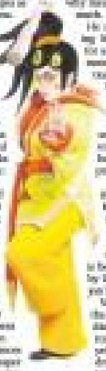
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Heavy, uneven 'Mulan'

By Walter Ang
Contributor

> Tanghalang Pilipino's children's musical feels like two different shows at the same time: one for kids and one for adults



Hauntingly beautiful

Zany elements



'Trio' features ballet and music collaboration

Lisa Macuja collaborates with English violinist Robert Archison, Ukrainian-born pianist Olga Dudnik

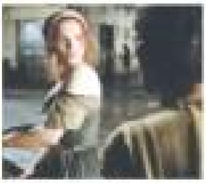








'Perfume'. . .





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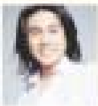
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F4 star to shoot in Batanes

TAIWANESE SUPERSTAR KEN Zhu, member of the wildly popular quartet F4, is expected to arrive in the country this week. He will stay for 15 days to work on "Batanes," an Indie [illegible] film opposite Ice Cabrales.

Upon his arrival at the Ninoy Aquino International Air-

F4 STAR E4



Great songs for Gilbert

By Pocholo Concepcion

ROMY POSADAS warmed up on the electric piano with "Windmills of Your Mind" and "Two for the Road" —setting off a sentimental mood for the recent benefit gig for Gilbert Perez at Mork's.

The dinner show was held to raise funds for the former newspaper art director and magazine lifestyle columnist.

Gilbert is suffering from sciatica, a painful affliction of a disease that attacks the spine. He just had a gall bladder operation as well.

There to their long-grown old friends led by Celia Diaz-Laurel who was escorted by son Cocoy. Celia and Gilbert had gone to school together at the UP College of Fine Arts.

First up on stage was M-Gage, a young R&B vocal quintet managed by film director Maryo J. de los Reyes. The group did a snappy Beatles medley and one Tagalog ballad, "[illegible]."

Classically trained tenor Jonathan Badon sang a succession of well-applauded numbers—"Lullaby of Broadway," "The Way You Look Tonight," "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" among them—from memorable films.

Cocoy kept the momentum with his own take on Broadway and film soundtracks, starting with "Some Enchanted Evening." He prefaced "La Vie en Rose" as one of Gilbert's favorite theme songs.

Lorli Villanueva, a stage/film/TV actress now based in New York City as a teacher, said she was in town to help build a church in Bohol and heard that dear friend Gilbert was sick, prompting her to gather other friends for this fundraiser.

Lorli's vocals tended to waver, but her renditions of "Send in the Clowns," "Autumn Leaves," "All the Things You Are," "[illegible]," "[illegible]," "I'll Be Seeing You," "What I Did for Love" and "[illegible]" ([illegible] Tagalog translation of "La Vie en Rose") had dramatic flair.

"I didn't know Lorli was a singer," said composer Julie Yap Daza.

At certain points during the performances, Gilbert was caught shedding tears—visibly touched by the presence of friends, and great songs wafting back, if only for a few fleeting moments.



GILBERT Perez with close friend from college, Celia Diaz-Laurel



THE GANG'S all here (from L, standing): [illegible], Josie [illegible], Mary Ann Salcedo, Julie Yap Daza (seated): [illegible] Vergara and Gilbert Perez



JONATHAN Badon



COCOY Laurel



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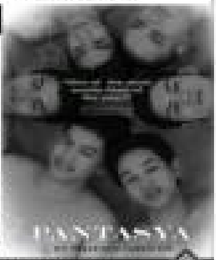
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1 STARDUST
2 I'VE FALLEN FOR YOU
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PIONEER

1 KUNG-FU FIGHTER
2 STARDUST
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4 RESIDENT EVIL 3

STA. ROSA

1 STARDUST
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LIPA

1 ROGUE ASSASSIN
2 APAT DAPAT, DAPAT APAT
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DASMARINAS

1 DECEMBER BOYS
2 RESIDENT EVIL 3
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IMUS

1 STARDUST
2 I KNOW WHO KILLED ME
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ANGELES

1 NO RESERVATIONS
2 APAT DAPAT, DAPAT APAT
3 SIGNOS
4 SHOOT 'EM UP

TARLAC

1 I'VE FALLEN FOR YOU
2 DON'T LOOK BACK
3 SHOOT 'EM UP

STARMILLS

1 I KNOW WHO KILLED ME
2 THE HOST
3 I'VE FALLEN FOR YOU
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5 NO RESERVATIONS
6 SHOOT 'EM UP

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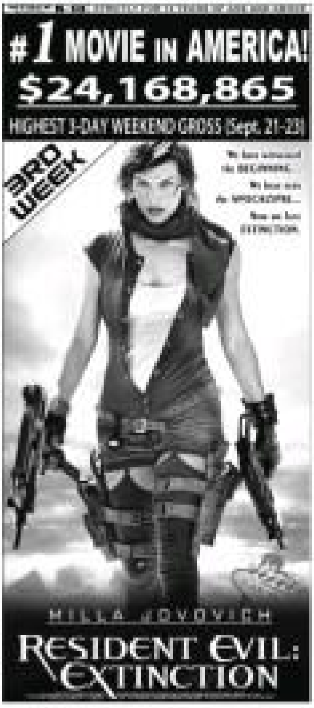
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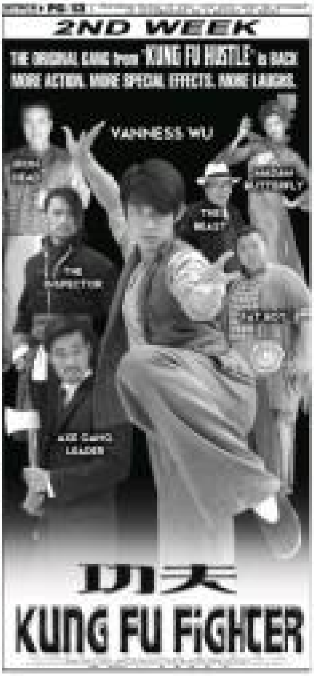
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POWER PLANT CINEMA

KUNG FU FIGHTER	RESIDENT EVIL: EXTINCTION	NO RESERVATIONS
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Julia says she came at a 'kinder time' in the biz

BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA... Last year Julia Roberts presented the American Cinematheque award to pal George Clooney. This time it was her turn to receive the honor. The smile, the laugh and the looks that have become familiar to movie-goers were on full display Friday as Roberts was recognized for her contributions to the film industry. She said she came along at the right time to turn into an actress. "I think I came along at a kinder time in the business," Roberts said. "There weren't so many media outlets. You could really cultivate your work a little more gently." AP



AT THE CINEMAS

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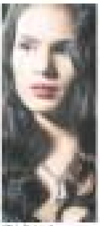
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BACK SOON ON THE BIG SCREEN
Cynthia Nixon, left, holds back Sarah Jessica Parker, center, who is hitting Chris Noth with a wedding bouquet in a scene from "Sex in the City: The Movie," coming soon.





KEA Chiloa

F4 star...

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port, Ken—[illegible] in the hit telenovela series "Meteor Garden"—will board a private jet to Batanes Island, according to director Adolf Alix Jr.

"He will be back in November to promote the movie," said Alix, who filmed the critically acclaimed "Kadin" on the same windswept island off the northernmost tip of Luzon.

Fisherman

Ken plays the role of a stranded fisherman from Taiwan. [illegible] will portray a Manila [illegible] who relocates to Batanes, and is torn between her and an Ivatan portrayed by Joem [illegible].

In a phone interview with Inquirer Entertainment on Saturday, Alix said the filming of "Batanes" began four days ago.

The main cast members—[illegible], Sid Lucero, Coco Martin, [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], Mike Tan and Glaiza de Castro—are expected to arrive in Batanes on Sunday.

"Batanes," produced by Ignite Media, will be shown in local theaters starting Nov. 28. Alix co-directs "Batanes" with Dave Hukom, Ignite Media chief executive officer.

Tribute

In November, Alix will work on a twin bill, "Manila," with Piolo Pascual ("[illegible]," "[illegible] about the [illegible] [illegible]").

"Manila" is a tribute to Ishmael Bernal's "Manila by Night" and Lino Brocka's "[illegible]," Alix said.

The twin bill, written by [illegible] and coproduced by [illegible] Pictures and [illegible] Films, will run for [illegible] each.

Alix's first film, "Donsol," is this year's Philippine representative to the Oscar Awards.

Marinel R. Cruz

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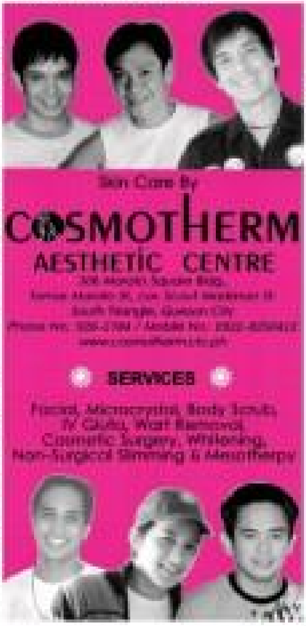
Comedy is not dead

It's just 'fatigued,' says TV director Uro de la Cruz, because it isn't easy to make Filipinos laugh

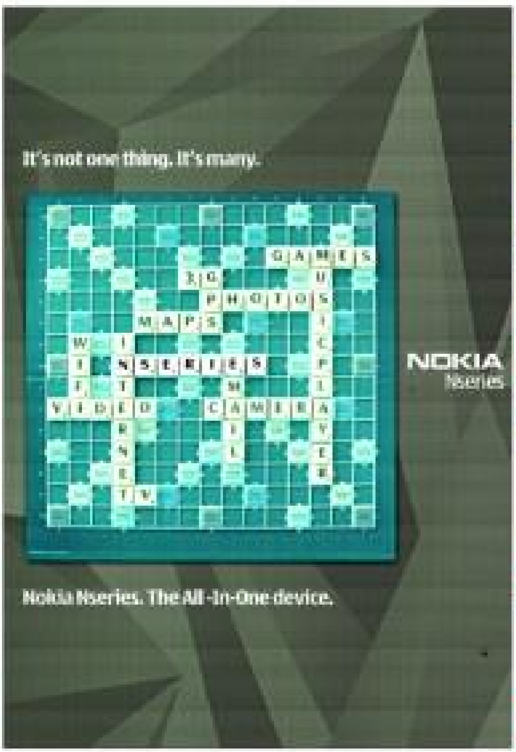
As FAR as "Bubble Gang" director Uro de la Cruz is concerned, comedy is alive and kicking, contrary to grim reports that have labeled sitcoms as an endangered genre in the TV landscape.

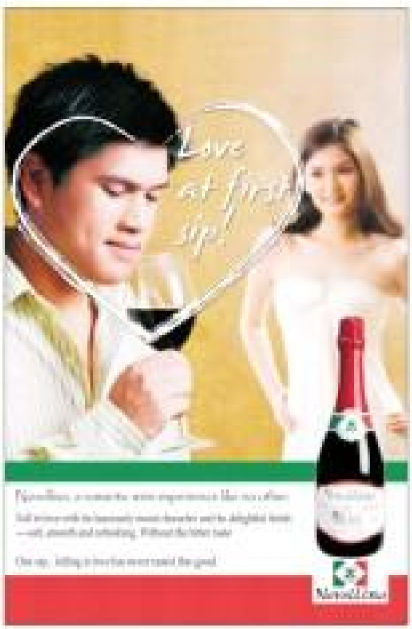
On their toes











Kapuso's Ko... connect...

By Rey and Sam Diego Jr.

THE GMA ARTIST CENTER (GMAAC) has signed a memorandum of agreement with the Korean Model Association (KMA), the biggest modeling agency in South Korea.

The agreement, explains GMAAC head Ida Henares, makes KMA "the exclusive agent of (Kapuso) artists in the area of commercial endorsements and modeling in Korea."

Henares says the KMA has invited the Philippines to participate in the Grand Korea Festival Awards, set in January 2008.

"It's the Oscars of their fashion industry," Henares tells the Inquirer.

Nine countries are participating this year, Sam Henares. "Each country will be showcased in a fashion show. Home to artists, government dignitaries, fashion industry insiders and corporate leaders will attend the festival and awards night."

Henares recently visited Korea, where she met with KMA officials, including its president Yang Jin-Ho.

In Korea, Henares was joined by GMAAC's newest Korean talent, Grace Lee, a segment host on the QTV lifestyle show "The Sweet Life."

Big opportunities

According to Lee, Andy Kim, a family friend, was instrumental in hooking up GMAAC with KMA.

"This could lead to bigger opportunities," says Lee of the MOU. "A lot of Koreanovela stars started out as models. Hopefully, Filipinos would also get noticed there. Korea's entertainment market is ...ying."

She hopes that the tie-up would lead to Korean-Filipino co-productions.

"My Uncle study is definitely working on that. I hope to be part of that, too," says Lee.

"But first, Filipino stars must first master the Korean language," Henares points out.

An example is set by Lee, a Korean national who speaks Filipino fluently and graduated with a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from the Ateneo de Manila University.

"My family moved here in 1992, when I was 10 years old," Lee recalls.

She agrees that she presents a different face of Korea for Filipinos who've grown accustomed to ABS-CBN teen star Sandara Park.

GMA ... teams ... bigge... agenc... with t... its nev...


GRACE Le...


SBLF with Daniel Aghdir, Kevin Moreno ... winners of the reality dance contest "Move."

Man ...



SBLF performed 11 numbers, majority of which were hot tunes like "Candy Store" (above) and "Pruster" (right).

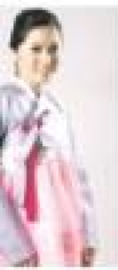
'Comedy's not ...

For the 12th anniversary special of "Bubble" (to be aired on the last two Fridays of October), Hi, the cast and crew brainstormed and decided to mount "something we haven't done before."

Thus, "Bubble Gang the Movie for TV" ...

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